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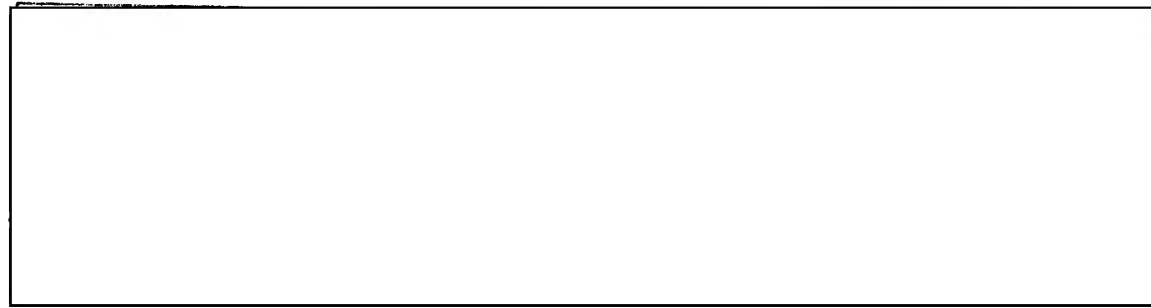
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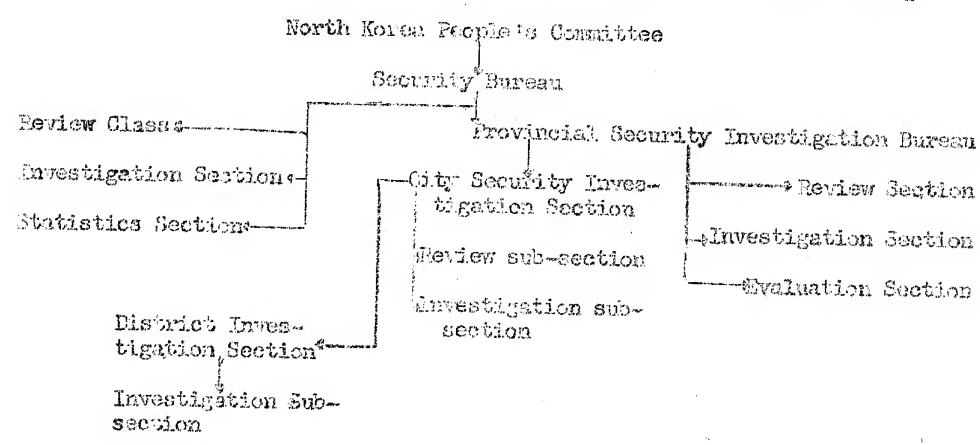
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1. The North Korea People's Committee in spring 1950 established an investigation section in the Security Bureau, with branches in each province and city and sub-divisions in local districts. The arrangement is the following:



2. Members of the State Security Bureau and its secret agents are all members of the North Korean Labor Party and are convinced Communists following the Soviet ideology even to the extent of reporting their own relatives for anti-Communist behavior. Secret agents of the bureau are hired professionally and are subject to removal to the Soviet Union as traitors if they are unfaithful to their assignments. Prospective agents must submit a personal history statement with a photograph attached, a copy of the agent oath, and a detailed autobiography from the age of 8 years. The oath includes the following:

- I pledge that I will obey the orders of the department.
- I pledge that I will keep the national secrets strictly.
- I pledge that I will neither supply false information nor override my commission.
- I pledge that I will gladly accept any punishment or legal restriction in case I commit an action in violation of the above regulations.

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3. Agent networks under the Bureau fall into four categories, as follows:
  - a. Fixed net: concerned with organization and personnel of all political parties, religious, cultural, educational, scientific, and technical groups.
  - b. Fluid net: organized through owners and employees of restaurants, hotels, barber shops, bath houses, etc.
  - c. Net of assigned jobs: made up of unemployed persons or individuals engaged in free jobs. This net is so organized that the director and the operators know only their immediate superiors and inferiors but no other personnel of the net.
  - d. Exclusive net: following the idea of the self-protection group or rehabilitation society, in which each person thinks he is the secret agent. The Self-Defense Group is organized in platoons of twenty men, three platoons to a company. The commander and deputy commander of each platoon and company are members of the MKLP.
4. The general functions of personnel of the Bureau of State Security are to maintain surveillance on the following:
  - a. Persons about to be arrested as anti-Communist.
  - b. Persons suspected of being anti-Communist although they have not shown their tendencies overtly.
  - c. Persons who may go over to the anti-Communist side.
  - d. All members of political and social groups, particularly the Democratic and Youth Friendship Parties.
  - e. Persons of education or religious and cultural interests.
  - f. Attitudes of factory staffs and workers, particularly towards the accomplishment of the People's Economy Plan, and cases of misappropriation in government-operated factories.
  - g. Staffs of all public organizations, including their backgrounds, relations to the land reform, connections with relatives or with political parties in South Korea.
  - h. Public trends, tendencies, and attitudes.
5. Special functions are assigned to branches of the State Security service connected with other government agencies or groups, as follows:
  - a. Railroad State Security Units work in civilian clothes at railroad stations or on trains, watching the words and actions of travelers and checking tickets, baggage, identification cards and travel permits. They pay special attention to suspected persons or individuals who might be trying to escape to South Korea. In addition, they inspect the operation of the railroad and its stations, offices, and shops. Members of the units also escort prominent citizens or special inspectors during tours.
  - b. Coast security units keep track of smuggling boats, movements of marine products companies, and vessels and crews entering North Korea from abroad. They exercise surveillance over the actions and attitudes of island residents and of officials and workers in government-operated shipyards.

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- c. In the People's Army and Police Constabulary, security units are charged with responsibility for protection of military secrets and for advice on good and bad points in military and strategic planning for a war with South Korea. They also deal with security disciplinary cases of soldiers and police, investigating backgrounds and political tendencies.
- d. The 38th Parallel border units are charged with political surveillance over the population living within five kilometers of the border and with control of interzonal traffic. They also conduct military intelligence operations concerning areas south of the border and run secret agents over the line.
6. There is a pay differential for personnel in the above categories, as follows: a major in the Ministry of Interior receives 2500 won monthly, while a member of the Police Constabulary receives 3000 won. The commander of a police squad gets 850 won, the commander of a Ministry of Interior squad only 250 won. The same difference applies to master sergeants, who receive respectively 950 and 300 won in the police and in the Ministry of Interior. Salary scales for the officers of the security troops are the following, per month:
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| Lieutenant general | 5000 won | Major             | 2500 won |
| Major general      | 4500 won | Captain           | 1900 won |
| Senior colonel     | 4000 won | Senior Lieutenant | 1500 won |
| Colonel            | 3600 won | Lieutenant        | 1200 won |
| Lieutenant colonel | 3000 won | Junior Lieutenant | 1000 won |
7. Secret agents of the State Security Bureau receive an annual allowance of about one hundred sacks of rice and a monthly operational fund of 300,000 won in addition to salaries. Officers and soldiers do not receive these additions but are given extra allowances for food, 900 won for officers and 600 won for enlisted men, monthly.
8. Personnel of the State Security forces are trained at a People's Army staff school at Yongsung-dong, about eight kilometers northwest of Pyongyang. The school occupied a former explosives warehouse. It is organized with a cultural department, a military department, and an internal affairs department. In the class of early summer 1950, there were two companies in the cultural department, four companies in the military, and three companies totaling about 1,500 students in the internal affairs department. The graduates from the cultural department at the first session of the school, in 1949, were assigned to constabulary troops on the 38th Parallel, and those from the internal affairs section became employees of the Department of Interior. The class in training in early summer 1950 is scheduled to go to South Korea to command Communist guerrillas at the completion of the course.

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